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In re Patent Application of:)
 Aschenbeck et al.)
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 For: Roofing Materials Having Engineered Coatings)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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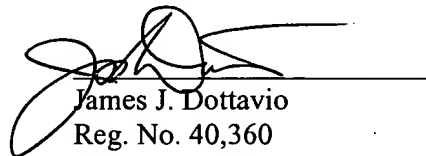
Sir:

In response to the March 24, 2003, office action, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement, as Applicants believe the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-20, and if Applicants request for reconsideration is denied, Applicant provisionally requests cancellation of the claims relating to the non-elected groups.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above remarks, or if it would in any way expedite the prosecution of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fee for a required extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for which Applicant hereby petitions, please charge all necessary fees to the deposit account.

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